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May 25, 2006

Douglas Bosco
Chairman, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway # 1100
Oakland, CA. 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I write on behalf of funding for the Frenchman's Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project in San Mateo County. The Project is designed to improve the habitat for the endangered steelhead rainbow trout in the Frenchman's Creek tributary near Half Moon Bay. The objective is to allow endangered fish better access to the 2.1 miles of spawning habitat through bridge and culvert renovation and replacement.

The requested funding would supplement grants from the California Department of Fish and Game and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. Development near the creek over the years led to a perched culvert that creates a 10 foot barrier to the fish swimming upstream. Significantly, the culvert prohibits the fish from reaching their primary spawning site, thus affecting the natural spawning cycle of the trout. Removing the barrier will restore the creek to its historic role as a primary spawning ground for the trout. The Coastal Conservancy funding from the state will allow engineers to properly design and construct a clear span bridge and remove the existing perched culvert. The proper procedure for fish relocation, slope stabilization, and revegetation will be investigated and implemented if necessary to ensure a smooth conversion of Frenchman's Creek.

Again, I believe that the Frenchman's Creek Fish Passage Project would be beneficial both San Mateo County and the state. The Coastal Conservancy funding is instrumental in helping to conserve the indigenous steelhead trout habitat here in San Mateo County. I respectfully request your close review of the application submitted by the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District.

All the best,

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Jackie Speier
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RE: Funding for Frenchman's Creek Fish Passage Restoration

June 2, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway #1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I write to convey my enthusiastic support for the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District's application for \$60,000 to assist in a habitat improvement project in Frenchman's Creek near Half Moon Bay. I am confident the District's use of the funds would result in significant progress toward the restoration of native habitat for local species, specifically the endangered steelhead trout.

This project is essential to the ability of adult steelhead to complete their annual migration patterns and reach prime spawning grounds. By replacing an existing perched culvert, which effectively creates an impassible blockade for migrating fish, with a clear-span bridge and boulder cross-vane weirs, the District will enable adult steelhead to continue on their migrations up the waterway.

Once again, I fully support the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District's application for \$60,000 in funding for the Frenchman's Creek fish passage restoration project. Should you desire further information as to the merits of the District or the project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Gene Mullin
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 19th District

RICHARD GORDON

Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo

May 31, 2006

Douglas Bosco
Chairman, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway #1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

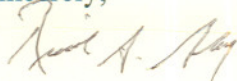
I am writing in support of the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District request of \$60,000 in funding from the Coastal Conservancy to improve fish passage on Frenchman's Creek. This project is an important step in maintaining our steelhead rainbow trout population.

The project, which is also supported by a grant from the Department of Fish and Game, will improve access to 2.1 miles of spawning habitat through the construction of a clear-span bridge to replace an existing perched culvert. This project would promote the steelhead population by allowing them to return more easily to their natural spawning grounds.

San Mateo County has long supported protection of our native species and natural habitats and this project would be an ideal fit toward that goal.

I would appreciate the Coastal Conservancy's support of the Resource Conservation District's proposal. If I can be of any help, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Richard S. Gordon

CC: Janet Diehl ✓
Kellyx Nelson, RCD

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May 16, 2006

To: Douglas Bosco, Chairman/Coastal Conservancy
From: Donald "Kit" Crump, NOAA Restoration Center Southwest (NRSW)
Re: Frenchman's Creek

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express the support of NOAA Fisheries for the removal of the perched in-stream culvert on Frenchman's Creek in San Mateo County. The San Mateo Resource Conservation District received funds from NOAA Fisheries for the development of project and engineering plans to remove this perched culvert that currently blocks threatened Central California Coast Steelhead from migrating upstream. A preliminary plan was completed in November of 2003 and a final plan was completed in the summer of 2005. This culvert currently presents a 10-foot jump (a complete barrier) to migrating steelhead. This project when completed will open passage to approximately 2 miles of historic steelhead spawning habitat, including the best spawning reaches on this creek. This is a priority watershed for Steelhead in Central California and has support and funding from the CA Department of Fish and Game.

We at NOAA Fisheries are very appreciative of the Coastal Conservancy's continued interest and support of this project and our combined contributions will go a long way towards restoring access to critical Salmonid spawning habitat throughout San Mateo County and in the state of California as a whole. Thank you again for considering this project. If you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

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Donald "Kit" Crump
NOAA Restoration Center

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